Amendments to the Drawings

Figures 3 and 4: The *tert*-butyl(dimethyl)silyl group has not been drawn out, but has been represented by the standard acronym TBDMS to be consistent with the other Figures.

Figure 5 has been split into Figures 5a and 5b.

Figure 6a: The carboxylic acid group has not been drawn out for compound 34; the counter anion, $MePhSO_3^-$, for compound 168 is a tosylate anion and has been represented using the standard abbreviation TsO^-. The conversion of compound 175 to compound 176 to compound 177 from Figure 6b has been added to Figure 6a.

Figure 6b: The conversion of compound 175 to compound 176 to compound 177 has been moved to Figure 6a.

Figure 7: The error in compound 59 has been corrected from "CO_2Cl" to "COCl".

Figure 9: The *tert*-butyl(dimethyl)silyl group has not been drawn out, but has been represented by the standard acronym TBDMS to be consistent with the other Figures.

Figure 12a: The ester groups in compounds 207, 208 and 209 have not been drawn out; similarly, the carboxylic acid group for compound 210 has not been drawn out.

Figure 12b: The missing oxygen atoms in the dimer bridge linker have been added for compounds 217 and 218.

Figure 14: The benzyl group for compound 6 has not been drawn out, but abbreviated to "Bn" for consistency with other compounds in this Figure.

Figure 15: The missing nitrogen atom in the pyrrole rings of compounds 86, 87 and 88 has been added; carboxylic acid and ester groups are no longer drawn out for compounds 81 to 85; "CH_3" is abbreviated as "Me".

Figure 16: The carboxylic acid group has not been drawn out for compound 91; "CH_3" is abbreviated as "Me".

Figure 17: For compounds 97 to 101, "CH_3" is abbreviated as "Me" and the bond is now correctly drawn to the oxygen atom.

Figure 18: For compounds 102 to 105, "CH_3" is abbreviated as "Me"; the "CH_2OH" group has been drawn out on the pyrrole compounds.

Figure 19: The carboxylic acid groups have not been drawn out for compounds 107 and 108.

Figure 20: The carboxylic acid and ester groups have not been drawn out for compounds 114 and 115.

Figure 22: For compounds 131 and 132 "COOH" is written as "CO_2H"; "CH_3" groups have also been abbreviated to "Me".

Figure 23: For all the compounds in this Figure, the benzyl group has not been drawn out and has been abbreviated using the standard abbreviation "Bn".

Figure 24: The carboxylic acid groups have not been drawn out for compounds 144 and 145; the "CH_2OH" group has been drawn out on the pyrrole compounds.

Figure 25: The carboxylic acid and ester groups have not been drawn out for compounds 186 to 189.

Figure 26: The ester groups have not been drawn out for compounds 197 to 200.

Figure 27: "CH_3" groups have also been abbreviated to "Me" and "COOH" is written as "CO_2H".

Figure 28: "CH_3" groups have also been abbreviated to "Me" and "COOH" is written as "CO_2H".

Remarks

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added with the above amendments. FIGS. 3, 4, 6a, 9, 12a, 14-20 and 22-28 now denote the organic functional groups with standard abbreviations and nomenclature. For example, CH_3 is now denoted as Me; COOH is now CO_2H; *tert*-butyl(dimethyl)silyl is now TBDMS; $MePhSO_3^-$ is now TsO^-; and benzyl groups are now denoted as Bn. Applicants submit that these changes to FIGS. 3, 4, 6a, 9, 12a, 14-20 and 22-28 do not change the content or meaning of the figures in any way.

FIG. 5 has been split into FIGS. 5a and 5b.

FIG. 7 has been amended to correct a clerical error in compound 59. Applicants respectfully submit that support for this amendment can be found in the specification at page 90, lines 25-30, in Example 2(a). FIG. 12b has been amended to correct a clerical error in compounds 217 and 218. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at page 20, lines 26-29, and page 121, lines 21-23, in Example 2(c). FIG. 15 has been amended to correct a clerical error in compounds 86, 87 and 88. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at page 133, lines 19-20, page 134, lines 2-3, and page 134, lines 17-19, in Example 3(a).

Replacement sheets for FIGS. 1-32 are attached hereto.

Claim 29 has been amended to correct a clerical error in one of the substituents.

The specification has been amended to properly reflect the split of FIG. 5 into FIGS. 5a and 5b.

Conclusion

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of the claims on December 27, 2004. Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments and earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance.

Should any questions remain with respect to the Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below.

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